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24 March 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Daniel A. Childs, Jr.
Comptroller

SUBJECT: Updating the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy

1. Last year we collectively bet that the requirement for an annual update of the National Foreign Intelligence Strategy could be treated with benign neglect once Senator Durenberger no longer chaired SSCI. As we now know, the request for an annual update did not go away--and probably will not as long as Senator Boren is chairman of the Committee--and we were forced to scramble at the last minute to produce a document that barely answered the mail. Further, my sense is that Senator Boren and probably other key members want to use the annual update as a vehicle to drive Community strategic planning and resource management closer together. [REDACTED]

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2. To avoid a repeat of this year's last minute thrashing to write and coordinate a paper for the Committee, I suggest that you take steps now to prepare for next year's exercise. Specifically, I recommend that you direct the IC Staff to make the update of the Strategy the substance of Volume I of the Congressional Budget Justification Book. Based on my experience at the SSCI and conversations with staffers on other committees, as now structured, Volume I of the CBJ is used largely for its summary tables. Replacing the existing text, which often duplicates what is found in the individual program volumes, with a statement on the DCI's strategic priorities and the programmatic steps that are being taken to achieve them--in the form of the annual update to the NFIS--will make for a more useful document. [REDACTED]

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3. This suggestion is not new: I recommended this approach in response to the original SSCI tasking; last year, D/OCA forwarded a detailed outline of how Volume I and the Strategy might be merged. However accomplished, it is important to link the NFIS more closely to resource management. This suggestion would also institutionalize the annual update to the Strategy to reduce the eleventh-hour rush that we experienced this year. Use of Volume I of the CBJ will identify a regular place for the Strategy in the production calendar and, I believe, answer the mail as far as SSCI is concerned. [REDACTED]

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Daniel A. Childs, Jr.

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